

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: BELL, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/991,001  
Filing Date: November 14, 2001  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR MULTIPLEX FLOW  
CYTOMETRY ANALYSIS OF  
DIVERSE MIXED ANALYTES  
FROM BODILY FLUID SAMPLES

Group Art Unit: 1641  
Examiner: Haq, Shafiqul

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2006.  
Applicants request a two-month extension, i.e., to March 12, 2005 for filing this Response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.